

Existing law relative to the Hazardous Material Information Development, Preparedness, and Response Act provides for definitions. New law adds definition for "retail gas station" as a retail facility engaged in selling gasoline or diesel to the public primarily for land motor vehicle use.

Existing law provides that the secretary shall establish alternative reporting methods for small businesses and provides certain exemptions from the reporting required herein. New law provides that the exemptions are for purposes of inventory reporting, adds certain gasoline and diesel fuel that has been stored in underground tanks at gas stations in compliance with the underground storage tank requirements to the list of exemptions from reporting, and provides that such gasoline and diesel fuel exemptions shall be effective March 1, 2001, for calendar year 2000 reporting.

New law also provides that copies of reports submitted by retail gas stations to DEQ shall be made available to local emergency planning committees and to DPS&C, office of state police.

Existing law provides that annual fees for hazardous materials manufactured, used, or stored on site shall be submitted with the inventory form as required to be reported and provides for the schedule of fees. Existing law further provides that any facility that is required to pay a fee shall not be required to pay an additional fee to the local emergency planning committee other than for the collection of information required by law. New law adds that any retail gas station exempt from reporting under new law shall also be exempt from such additional fees.

Effective upon signature of governor (July 9, 1999).

(Amends R.S. 30:2363(14) and (15), 2370(E)(intro. para.), and 2374(B)(2); Adds R.S. 30:2363(16) and 2370(E)(8) and (9))